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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work at the I-39 interchange with US 20 at the south edge of Rockford will begin on Monday, July 11, 2016. Sjostrom & Sons, Inc. is starting the \$687,159 contract to make repairs to the two bridges on the ramp for southbound I-39.

The repairs are very similar to the work done earlier this summer to the bridges on two other ramps at the interchange. The contractor will be removing the existing overlay on both bridges, replacing the expansion joints, making concrete repairs to the bridge deck, and resurfacing the structures.

The bridges must be closed to make the repairs. The expansion joints extend all the way across the bridges and the structures are too narrow to complete repairs while still allowing traffic to move past the work operations. The southbound I-39 traffic will be detoured west on US 20 to the IL 251 interchange where they can turn to go back eastbound on US 20 to access southbound I-39.

The improvements are scheduled to be completed by Labor Day weekend. During this seven week detour, the ramp from westbound US 20 to Alpine Road will also be closed. This is necessary to prevent traffic backups on the ramp from causing accidents and congestion on westbound US 20.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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